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SUBJECT: SECURITY ENVIRONMENT PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRE (SEPQ)

- AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

REF: A. (A) STATE 23078

[1](#)B. (B) MAPUTO 01294

Classified By: RSO Karen Lass, Reasons 1.4(c)(d)

[1](#)1. Post has reviewed its last report (Ref B) and made several changes to the Security Environmental Profile Questionnaire (SEPQ), reflected in the following answers:

POLITICAL VIOLENCE

[1](#)1. (U) DEMONSTRATIONS:

- [1](#)A. Yes
- [1](#)B. No
- [1](#)C. No
- [1](#)D. For 2004, N/A.
- [1](#)E. For 2004, N/A. For 2003, reported demonstrations were triggered by specific U.S. foreign policy or military events.
- [1](#)F. Peaceful
- [1](#)G. N/A
- [1](#)H. N/A
- [1](#)I. No.
- [1](#)J. Yes. In February, 2004, 150-200 employees of Wackenhut, the company that has the local guard contract, demonstrated about a severance pay discrepancy in a park one block from the embassy and a portion of this group attempted to approach the embassy later in the day only to be turned away by Diplomatic Police. In July, 2004, 41 Mozambicans occupied the German Embassy for four days due to a conflict involving government pensions. The German Embassy is located less than one block from the U.S. Embassy.
- [1](#)K. 100-150 people
- [1](#)L. Peaceful
- [1](#)M. N/A
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[1](#)2. (U) MACRO CONFLICT CONDITIONS

- [1](#)A. No
- [1](#)B. N/A
- [1](#)C. N/A
- [1](#)D. N/A
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[1](#)3. (S/NF) HOST COUNTRY CAPABILITIES

- [1](#)A. No
- [1](#)B. No, not directly. However, some National Police and prosecutors in the Attorney General's Office have received training from the USG supported International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Gaborone, Botswana and in the United States. The Mozambican Police Academy (ACIPOL) has received funding and training for its drug laboratory.
- [1](#)C. Yes
- [1](#)D. No. Mozambican State Security and Intelligence Service (SISE) is professional and reactive when presented with information but due to limited funds and resources SISE is unable to effectively deter terrorist actions.
- [1](#)E. Yes
- [1](#)F. No
- [1](#)G. Yes. The National Police currently provides static police guards (six at the Embassy, two at U.S.AID, one at Public Diplomacy, and one at the Ambassador's residence). Since 9/11, Rapid Intervention Police maintains postings at the Embassy, Public Diplomacy, and the Ambassador's Residence. Embassy Maputo provides meals and a monthly stipend to these police in order to ensure consistent police support. The police are poorly trained and act more as a deterrent to any potential threats than as an actual safeguard.
- [1](#)H. Poor. Security at the major airport is inconsistent at best. On any given day, the airport perimeter may be left unattended.
- [1](#)I. Ineffective. Immigration and customs controls at the border points and crossings are vulnerable to exploitation by criminals and extremists, due to meager salaries, lack of training for officers, and an underdeveloped security infrastructure. Computers are present at two major points of entry, Ressano Garcia and Maputo's international airport, but there is no comprehensive networked system.
- [1](#)J. Ineffective. Outside of formal crossing points, security along Mozambique's vast land borders with neighboring countries (South Africa, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi

and Tanzania) is poor, as is maritime security. There is no Navy, Coast Guard, or Border Patrol present in Mozambique to serve in this capacity. Unfortunately, the Government of Mozambique does not have the resources to control its borders effectively.

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INDIGENOUS TERRORISM

4. (SBU) ANTI-AMERICAN TERRORIST GROUPS

A. Unknown

B. N/A

C. N/A

D. N/A

E. N/A

F. N/A

G. N/A

H. N/A

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5. (SBU) OTHER INDIGENOUS TERRORIST GROUPS

A. Unknown

B. N/A

C. N/A

D. N/A

E. N/A

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TRANSNATIONAL TERRORISM

6. (SBU) TRANSNATIONAL TERRORIST INDICATORS

A. Unknown.

B. N/A

C. N/A

D. Unknown

E. Yes. Elements of the small expatriate south Asian Muslim community are sympathetic to transnational terrorist groups as mentioned in the previous reports.

F. Low.

G. Very high.

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